

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**  
**(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)**

Chairman: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1  
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2  
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4  
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Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8  
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, February 12, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., at 8:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr. Supervisor ex officio; and Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Councilmember Crosby called the Committee to order and stated first on the agenda was John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re: Recommendations. 1) Cabling Infrastructure Indefinite Delivery Contract – No. 41818-01-00/01.

Mr. Hamer stated the Committee of three reviewed the RFQs based on the evaluations and it is their recommendation to go with Meridian Automation Communications, Inc.

Councilmember Mims moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Vaughn; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

B. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer and Public Works Director: Re: 1) Replacement of HVAC units and duct work ROD's Office and Assessor's Office; and 2) Additional overtime funds.

Mr. Carson stated he had provided a memorandum about the condition of the HVAC System that services the Register of Deeds' Office and the Assessor's Office. They had to replace a compressor; they had failure in the pressboard ductwork, and partly in preparation for the budget request. Mr. Beckham, the Public Buildings Manager, had three contractors to look at it and make proposals to give them an idea as to what they would recommend and what the cost might be. He stated we are fast approaching the cooling season, and to bring this in the form of a request they recommend that they negotiate with H. R. Allen based on their proposal and their scope of work. The other prices were lower but they didn't have the understanding of the problem and they didn't include the same elements. So, another option would be to develop a scope of work, accept bids and come back to Council. If there were some indication that this would not be funded he wouldn't want to put people to the trouble. They would continue with it and put it in the form of a budget request for the next fiscal year. Supervisor Rozier stated the problem with waiting until the next fiscal year is that it would be July 1 before they could get it approved. To go through all of the process to get it in it may be the end of the summer before an air conditioner would be installed. He stated they have spent more money than they can imagine by trying to keep them up through the summer. He suggested Mr. Carson give them a cost to see whether they can deal with it now and get the system replaced.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Vaughn.

Councilmember Spooner asked from where would the funding come? Supervisor Rozier suggested Mr. Carson give them the cost so they can determine where the funding will come from. Mr. Carson stated the \$61,550 is their proposed cost and they may be able to reduce that a bit but this would be a negotiated contract. The other alternative would be to go out for a contract and he doesn't know whether it would be more or less; it would probably be in that range. They would be looking at another six weeks before they could come back to Council for a contract. Councilmember Vaughn stated his second was based on the \$61,550. Supervisor Rozier stated he would get with Finance to see if there is any place we have any savings that he could indicate the money would come from.

Upon call for the vote, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Mr. Carson stated at the end of the last fiscal year they purchased a replacement fan coil unit for the County courthouse. The intent was they saved roughly 50% of the cost by doing the insulation themselves but because of the workload it was hard to get it all done. They had spoken with the Supervisor and the Sheriff and because of some concerns his employees had about conditions in the building, they decided to set aside a weekend where they permitted the workers to go in and replace as many units as possible and based on the results of that come back and request the remainder of the money. This amount was \$4,100 total; they have expended \$1,100. Supervisor Rozier stated the savings is still about 50%.

Chairman Crosby asked about transfer within the line items. Mr. Carson stated \$1,100 has been transferred to unexpected cost and in review of the last general ledger they may be able to absorb that.

Councilmember Vaughn moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Davis; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item C, Ms. Denise Mitchum, CPPB, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Director of Purchasing, Re:

- 1) Solid Waste franchise agreement
- 2) Sole source purchase – compactor

Ms. Annette Harmon stated the information the Committee has is on the Solid Waste collection franchise bids. These Bids were taken on January 25, and they are good for 90 days. There is one bidder on Bid Alternate #1, which is for twice of week service with 32 gallons roll carts. She stated this would be an increase of almost \$13.00 per quarter for this service to change from what they currently have, and she thinks that is very high. That may discourage people from taking the service and would start piling their garbage around the house and dumping it in the wrong places. Ms. Harmon stated she would not recommend this service. Bid Alternate #2 is once a week roll cart service, which is what they currently have and would be a \$3.37 increase. Most of that is due to the rising fuel cost. Bid Alternate #3 is the same service they currently have with the once a week roll cart service, but also, for an additional \$.50 a week they could add an additional service of recycling. That service would collect the paper and the co-mingled goods at the same time once a week, which would be easier for the homeowners to remember. She stated she would like to recommend this alternate to Council because it was fairly inexpensive to Landfill Solid Waste in the past. With the new Subtitle D regulations and the cost to build the Landfills, that is no longer true. A ton of waste at the landfill would cost \$43.33; the tipping fee at the Recycling Center for that same ton is only \$12; so, that's a substantial savings. Ms. Harmon stated the roll carts are uniformed in the neighborhood and are aesthetically pleasing, and they work hard to make Berkeley County a beautiful place. Supervisor Rozier stated that if they go to another type of container they won't be able to lift it with the automatic lifts on the truck and their price would go up significantly. Ms. Harmon reiterated she would like to recommend Alternate #3 because they would like to divert as much waste as possible going into the landfill so that they can save as much space as possible and extend the life of our landfill due to the rising cost. Supervisor Rozier stated it is only \$6.25 or \$.50 per week for the recycling. The fact is that our cost is \$43.33 a ton and in the landfill it's \$12.00 for recycling; so, we do save a significant amount of money and valuable space at the landfill. In the long run it would save the citizens of Berkeley County a lot of money to go with the recycling.

Councilmember Vaughn asked what containers would they use for recycling? Ms. Harmon stated they would get an 18-gallon recycling bin. Councilmember Vaughn asked what would go in the bin? Ms. Harmon stated they could put newspapers, magazines, office mail, advertisements, computer paper, etc. In addition to that they can put the co-mingles in,

which are the soup cans that have to be rinsed out, glass jars, shampoo bottles and empty aerosol cans. Councilmember Vaughn asked how does that get separated when it goes to the landfill? Ms. Harmon stated it goes to the Recycling Center downtown where it will be processed through a recovery center and sorted. Supervisor Rozier stated we have a cooperate effort with Charleston's separation center; they only run three days a week for their materials and they have time to take care of ours; so, we don't have to build a facility. Councilmember Vaughn asked was this voluntary? Ms. Harmon stated it is not mandatory but she is hoping that everyone would recycle. Councilmember Vaughn asked, based on the \$29.40, what percentage of the people do they think would recycle? Ms. Harmon stated she thinks a big percentage of the population would. One of the main questions asked is why don't you have recycling? People are coming in from other areas where recycling was mandatory; it's a way of life for them. The price is based on the full customer participation and they are getting good cooperation with the drop-off sites. They take in about 125 tons a month. Dorchester's program is a little confusing and they have a lot lower collection rate per month than we do.

Councilmember Mims asked does the new bins for recyclables have wheels that could be pushed. Ms. Harmon stated it is actually similar to a tub or rubber made box with handles. In comparison to what Charleston and Dorchester is paying for their services, the rate and the services we are getting are a lot better than the surrounding areas. Councilmember Vaughn asked if the \$29.40 was a one-year contract. Ms. Harmon stated that this is a three-year contract.

Supervisor Rozier stated Annette Harmon was chosen by DHEC as Recycling Coordinator of the year for the State of South Carolina.

Chairman Crosby stated he thought we were currently paying \$22.97. Ms. Harmon stated it is presently \$20.07; it was previously \$22.97. Also, if we go to the curbside recycling we will not only save on the landfill cost but also on not having to service our recycling drop-off sites as much.

Chairman Crosby stated there were 2 bidders and one bidder withdrew.

Ms. Harmon stated they also took bids on the Sangaree Special Tax District. There were four bidders and five options available and the commissioners would meet Thursday night to make a recommendation on what they would like to go with.

Councilmember Davis asked at what point do they make this mandatory? Ms. Harmon stated they are currently not looking at that option. She stated the Bids are good for 90 days; they could either vote on it tonight or give her a recommendation in March.

Councilmember Spooner moved to accept Alternate #3; seconded by Councilmember Vaughn.

Councilmember Vaughn stated he is concerned that if they don't participate, with it being a three-year contract they would be stuck with the \$29.40 per month even if they don't use it. Ms. Harmon stated they would be doing a strong educational program and that's part of the bid specs. that the hauler participates in that.

Upon call for the vote, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Ms. Denise Mitchum stated they are requesting the purchase of a used Cat 815B Soil Compactor in the amount of \$112,500.00. This equipment would be used to close out the unlined MSW landfill. To rent this equipment would cost \$71,000 and they would use it for approximately six months. However, they would need to rent the equipment for another additional four months to open and expand the Subtitle D, Cells 5 and 6 and beyond. So, the cost of purchasing the equipment would be almost equal to renting it twice. She stated the funds are in their budget.

Councilmember Vaughn moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Pinckney; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The next item was Consideration of a Resolution designating surplus property of Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority and authorizing the sale or disposal of the surplus property.

Ms. Mitchum stated they would request that the Committee consider a Resolution designating surplus property of Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority and authorizing the sale or disposal of the surplus property.

Councilmember Spooner moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Vaughn; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Next was Consideration of a Resolution designating surplus vehicles of Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority and authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus vehicles.

Ms. Mitchum stated they would also like to ask that the Committee consider a Resolution designating surplus vehicles of Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority and authorizing the sale or disposal of the surplus vehicles.

Councilmember Spooner moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Vaughn; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Councilmember Spooner moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Vaughn; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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There will be a meeting of the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, on Monday February 12, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., following the meeting of the Committee on Land Use, the Committee on Planning & Development, the Committee on Water and Sanitation, the Committee on Community Services and the Committee on Justice and Public Safety, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- A. John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re: Recommendations
  - 1. Cabling Infrastructure Indefinite Delivery Contract – No. 41818-01-00/01.
- B. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer and Public Works Director: Re:
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February 7, 2001  
S/Barbara B. Austin  
Clerk of County Council